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Report Highlights:

The total Vietnam MY 2009 rice production is slightly down from Post's last MY 2009 estimate, as well as compared to the total MY 2008 production. The minimal decrease reflects a small contraction in the planting and harvesting area in the Mekong River Delta.

Post: Commodities:
Hanoi Rice, Milled

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STATISTICAL TABLES

Table 1 Vietnam's Production, Supply and Demand for Rice

Milled	Rice, Vietnam			2008/2009			2009/2010			2010/2011		
	Market Year Begin: Jan 2009			Market Year Begin: Jan 2010			Market Year Begin: Jan 2011					
	USD A Offic ial	Old Post	New Post	USD A Offic ial	Old Post	New Post	USD A Offic ial	Old Post	New Post			
Area Harvested	7.33 4	7.33 4	7.33 4	7.37 0	7.37 0	7.36 5	7.35 0	7.30 0	7.35 0			
Beginning Stocks	2.01 8	2.01 8	2.01 8	1.96 1	1.96 1	1.96 1	1.87 3	1.87 3	1.86 9			
Milled Production	24.3 93	24.3 93	24.3 93	24.3 12	24.3 12	24.3 08	24.7 50	24.0 62	24.7 50			
Rough Production	38.9 04	38.9 04	38.9 04	38.8 99	38.8 99	38.8 93	39.6 00	38.4 99	39.6 00			
Milling Rate (.9999)	6.27 0	6.27 0	6.27 0	6.25 0	6.25 0	6.25 0	6.25 0	6.25 0	6.25 0			
MY Imports	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500			
TY Imports	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500			
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total Supply	26.9 11	26.9 11	26.9 11	26.7 73	26.7 73	26.7 69	27.1 23	26.4 35	27.1 19			
MY Exports	5.95 0	5.95 0	5.95 0	5.75 0	5.75 0	5.75 0	5.80 0	5.50 0	5.80 0			
TY Exports	5.95 0	5.95 0	5.95 0	5.75 0	5.75 0	5.75 0	5.80 0	5.50 0	5.80 0			
Consumption & Residual	19.0 00	19.0 00	19.0 00	19.1 50	19.1 50	19.1 50	19.5 00	19.3 00	19.5 00			
Ending Stocks	1.96 1	1.96 1	1.96 1	1.87 3	1.87 3	1.86 9	1.82 3	1.63 5	1.81 9			
Total Distribution	26.9 11	26.9 11	26.9 11	26.7 73	26.7 73	26.7 69	27.1 23	26.4 35	27.1 19			
Yield (Rough)	5,	5,	5,30 46	5,	5,	5,28 08	5,	5,	5,38 78			

In this report, Post uses a new milling rate for the conversion factor from rough production to milled production. The old milling rate was 66 percent, but using this milling rate consistently caused differences between USDA's rough production numbers and those of the MARD. Post suggests a new milling rate of 62.5-62.7 percent; this will more appropriately represent the rice milling conditions and technologies used in

Vietnam. Post anticipates that the milling rate will vary between 62.5 and 62.7 percent based on the quality of the crop in any given year.

PRODUCTION

Table 2 Vietnam's Area, Yield, and Production for Rough Rice (as of May 2010)

Marketing Year	2008 Revised		2009 Estimate		2010 Forecast	
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Harvested Area (tha)						
Winter ¹	1,782	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Spring ²	3,024	3,024	3,020	3,035	3,000	3,000
Autumn ³	2,510	2,510	2,550	2,530	2,500	2,550
TOTAL	7,316	7,334	7,370	7,365	7,300	7,350
Yield (mt/ha)						
Winter	4.50	4.46*	4.35*	4.35*	4.35*	4.35*
Spring	5.88	6.15*	6.15*	6.15*	6.20*	6.20*
Autumn	4.44	4.89*	4.90*	4.90*	4.83*	5.16*
AVERAGE	5.05	5.30*	5.28*	5.28*	5.27*	5.39*
Production (tmt)						
Winter	8,019	8,028*	7,831*	7,831*	7,831*	7,831*
Spring	17,781	18,598*	18,573*	18,665*	18,600*	18,600*
Autumn	11,151	12,278*	12,495*	12,397*	12,068*	13,169*
TOTAL	36,951	38,904*	38,899*	38,893*	38,499*	39,600*

¹ Lua Mua (10th Month), ² Winter-Spring, ³ Summer-Autumn

Source: MARD, Post estimates

Estimate for MY 2009 (began January 2010)

Post's estimate for the MY 2009 rice production is 38.90 million tons (paddy basis).

Spring Crop

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) the total planting area for the MY 2009 spring crop was revised up from 3.05 million hectares to 3.07 million hectares as of May 15, 2010. The planting area in the northern provinces was also bumped up from 1.10 million hectares to 1.13 million hectares. The northern Spring crop is reported to be in good condition, according to MARD. Plants are flowering well in the Red River Delta region, which accounts for more than 50 percent of the northern planting area.

Vietnam's southern provinces finished harvesting the Spring crop in the second half of April. The total harvested area was 1.91 million hectares, slightly down from the 1.93 million hectares of total planted area in the region. In other words, about 98.9% of the planted area was harvested.

Post revised the estimate for the total harvested area of the Spring crop from 3.02 million hectares to 3.035 million hectares, out of a total 3.072 hectares of planted, due to increased planting areas in both the northern and the southern parts of Vietnam and favorable planting condition.

Autumn Crop

This year, the dry and hot season has really caused a delay in planting the Autumn crop. The planting progress of the Autumn crop in the Southern provinces, where the majority of the Autumn crop is located, is only 93.5 percent of what it was compared to the same period in MY 2008.

The delay in planting in the main Autumn crop could potentially cause producers to miss planting the third crop - the late Autumn crop in some areas. Post estimates the total area for the late Autumn crop will be down by 20,000 hectares in Mekong River Delta region. The total planting area for both Autumn crops is therefore revised down from 2.55 million hectares to 2.53 million hectares

Total Vietnam MY 2009 rice production is slightly down from Post's last estimate dipping from 38.899 million tons to 38.893 million tons. Total MY 2008 production is also revised down from 38.904 million tons to 38.893 million tons.

MRD Rice Production

Table 3. Rice Production in the Mekong Delta by Marketing Year

(000 ha; mt/ha; 000 mt)

	2008 (Revised)			2009 (Estimate) (old)			2009 (Estimate) (new)		
	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.
Winter	320	3.95	1,264	310	3.95	1,225	310	3.95	1,225
Spring	1,544	6.32	9,758	1,549	6.40	9,914	1,559	6,40	9,978
Autumn	1,553	4.72	7,330	1,570	4.80	7,536	1,570	4.80	7,536
Late Autumn	470	3.80	1,786	470	4.00	1,880	450	4.00	1,800
Total	3,907		20,138	3,899		20,555	3,909		20,539

Source: MARD, Post estimate

Table 3 shows that while Mekong River Delta (MRD) farmers had a bigger Spring crop, they could but will possibly have smaller late Autumn crop due to the delay in planting of the main Autumn crop.

Though slightly down from Post's last estimate, total MRD MY 2009 production is still higher than

the total MRD MY 2008 production.